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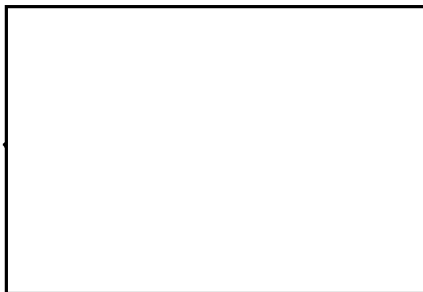
NOTE FOR: Director

SUBJECT: Additional Call by You - Electronic Surveillance
Bill

1. I have just been advised by Justice that President believes it essential that a call be placed to Rep. John Rhodes, Minority Leader. Further, that the Attorney General has determined that it would be best if the call came from you.

2. In light of the above, please disregard our comments regarding call to Rhodes by the DDCI.

3. Action Recommended: Please call Representative Rhodes.



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NOTE FOR: Director

SUBJECT: Electronic Surveillance Bill - H. R. 7308

1. Justice was told of your call to Representative Joe D. Waggoner (D., La.) and they believe that will be very helpful.

2. Calls to the following three additional Members has been recommended by Justice:

Representative Harold L. Volkmer (D., Mo.)

Representative John P. Murtha (D., Pa.)

Representative Jamie L. Whitten (D., Miss.)

Volkmer and Whitten attended the breakfast briefing on 26 July of "moderate" House Members by Mr. Carlucci, Judge Webster, and Admiral Inman at HPSCI. Volkmer is the President of the Freshman Class. Whitten is Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee (although whether he succeeds Mahon is still up in the air) and chairs the Agriculture Subcommittee. We have had limited dealings with him but he is somewhat close to Chuck Snodgrass and following the capture of the Pueblo he banged DIA around pretty hard for having more information in its files than it was effectively using. It is not known how the above three Members are coming out on the issue but we are advised that they are not among the 21 Democrats who have signed on with McClory to oppose the bill in its present form. However, because of their constituencies pretty much dixie, Whitten and Volkmer probably lean towards McClory.

3. The points to make are:

- a. surveillance capabilities must be placed on reliable legal footing or we may lose them;